

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer, and substituted therefor new claim 4, which clarifies the processing steps recited in the above-identified application. Specifically, claim 4 recites, in positive form, specific processing steps.

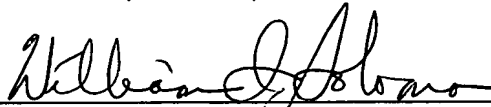
Applicants have amended page 3 of their specification in light of new claim 4, and also in order to refer to "(1)", rather than to "Claim 1", in the specification.

Entry of the present amendments, prior to calculation of the filing fee; and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 624.46326X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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